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MR. TOLSON

DATE: August 18, 1948

L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

GREGORY CASE

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In connection with the Gregory Case, numerous telephone calls from Congressmen Mundt and Nixon. The following is a brief recapitulation of the conversations:

1. Nixon referred to the story in the Washington News quoting a Department of Justice official to the effect that millions of dollars had been spent upon the Bentley case without securing corroboration and Nixon stated that in connection with this he had learned the FBI had 700 feet of film covering the meetings of Bentley with various persons who testified. After checking I categorically advised Nixon we did not have such film. Mr. Ladd had previously checked not only the supervisors in Washington but with the New York Office.

Nixon called and in his attempt to establish the veracity of Chambers and the fact that Hiss knew him, asked if we could develop fingerprints on slick paper which were 12 years old. After checking with the Laboratory, I told him that the probabilities of developing fingerprints beyond two to three years were so remote that it would probably be a waste of time to even check, that furthermore if we did do this for them and there were no fingerprints it would appear his case might be weakened.

Nixon called me on another occasion and wanted information on the lie detector. I told him we regarded the lie detector as being in an experimental stage. He inquired about a Saturday Evening Post article and I told him the article appeared on April 22, 1944, and pertained primarily to Leonard Keeler. He asked about Keeler and I told him we could not recommend him one way or the other but that he had had considerable publicity. I furnished him with Keeler's address in Chicago. In response to his specific request, I also gave him the names of A. H. Bledsoe, Berkeley, California, and Paul V. Trovillo of the Los Angeles Police Department. I also furnished him with the names of Associated Research, Inc., 431 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, and Lee and Sons, 1909 Delaware Street, Berkeley, California, manufacturers of lie detector equipment.

Nixon then asked me to read the testimony and give him an off-therecord appraisal. I declined to do this on the pages we did not know what the Department would do, we might be in the position of investigating perjury charges and it would be unethical for me do this.

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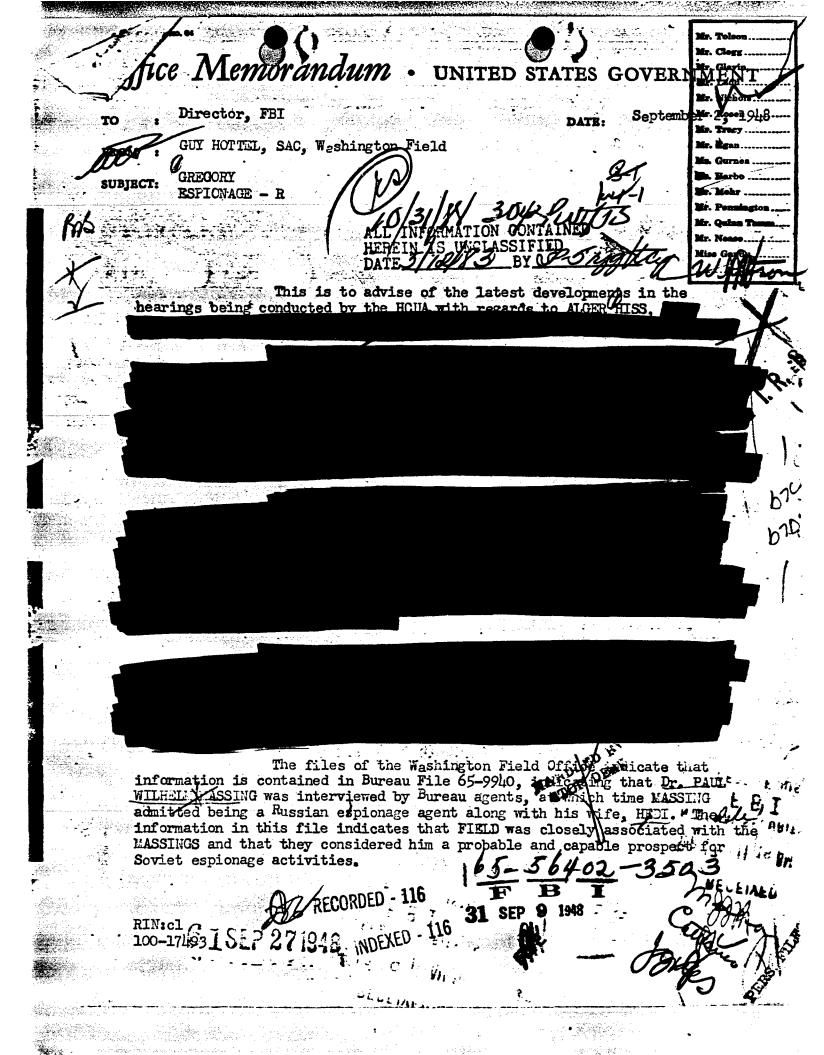
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L. B. Nichols, Memo Mr. Tolson, August 18, 1948 Re: GREGORY CASE

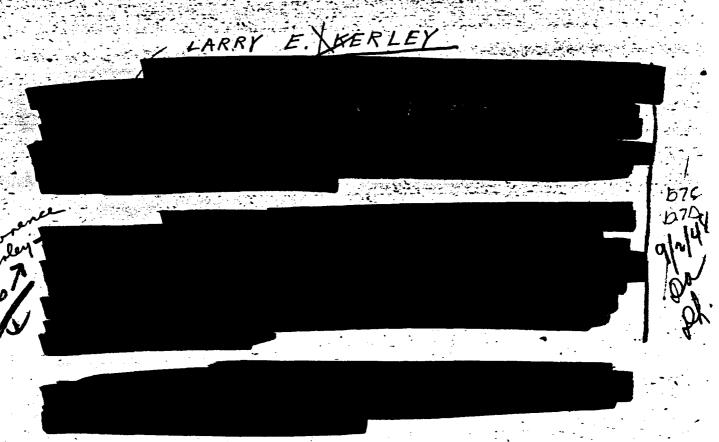
Congressman Mundt called on numerous occasions during the week of August 9. On one occasion he called and wanted to bring to my office. I subsequently told him it would be undesirable to come to the Bureau but to send did not come. did and information he furnished has been made the subject of a separate memorandum.

5. Mundt called me on another occasion and wanted us to interview b76-And request her to identify anybody who contacted her regarding these Russians. I explained to him she apparently had not leaked to the press, that we would not go out and interview her specifically for this purpose but that we would watch for an opportunity and if we had to reinterview her on something else we would convey the message to her. This was agreeable to him.

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Director, TBI
Re: GRECOHI
September 2, 1948



In the event any further information is obtained, it will be furnished to you immediately.

Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MR. D. M. LADD DATE: August 31, 1948 MR. H. B. FLETCHER GREGORY SUBJECT: ESPIONAGE - R SAC McSwain called from Chicago at 4:00 p.m. today and advised that he had received a request from ASAC Hennrich of the Washington Field Office to check at the Railroad Retirement Board in Chicago on the job which Whittaker Chambers obtained with that agency. It will be recalled that this point was brought out in the testimony of Chambers before the subcommittee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Mr. McSwain stated that he wanted the Bureau to know that the Chicago Office does not have an entree or a contact at the Railroad Retirement Thanking, / therefore, any request will have to be made on an open rather than on a confidential basis. He said that he wanted the Bureau to know about this before the Chicago Office took any action on the request from the Washington Field Office I told Mr. McSwain that wiles he heard from the Breau to the contrary within thirty minutes of his call, he should go ahead anti-make inquiry in the best mammer possible. NDEXED - 1 LLL:arm

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#### Office Memorandum • United States Government

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The Director

DATE: August 27, 1948

FROM :

D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT:

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On August 16, 1948, the Attorney General requested that the Bureau make inquiry through the New York Office to determine if Agents had covered the meeting between Bentley and "Al" (Gromov) on October 17, 1945, when Bentley claimed the \$2,000.00 was passed between her and "Al." Previous information in the Bureau files indicated that Bentley advised the Bureau on November 7, 1945, that she had received \$2,000.00 from "Al" on October 17, 1945. This, of course, was the first time we knew about this transaction.

As a result of the inquiry to the New York Office, the Bureau was advised by letter dated August 17, 1948, that Bentley appeared at the New York Office on October 16, 1945, for the purpose of furnishing information in connection with an impersonation complaint made by her in connection with Lieutenant Peter Heller who, incidentally, was the subject matter of her complaint to the New Haven Office on August 23, 1945.

This was the first time the Bureau had been advised of Bentley's visit to the New York Office prior to November 7, 1945. Since Bentley did appear at the New York Office on October 16, 1945, she may be under the impression that she was surveilled by Bureau Agents since that date and, therefore, feels that the Agents surveilled her on the following day when she met Gromov and, according to her, the \$2,000.00 passed between them.

ACTION:

The foregoing is for your information. Bentley's visit to the New York Office on October 16, 1945, has been brought to the attention of the Attorney General.

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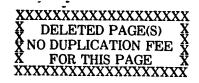


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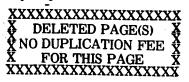


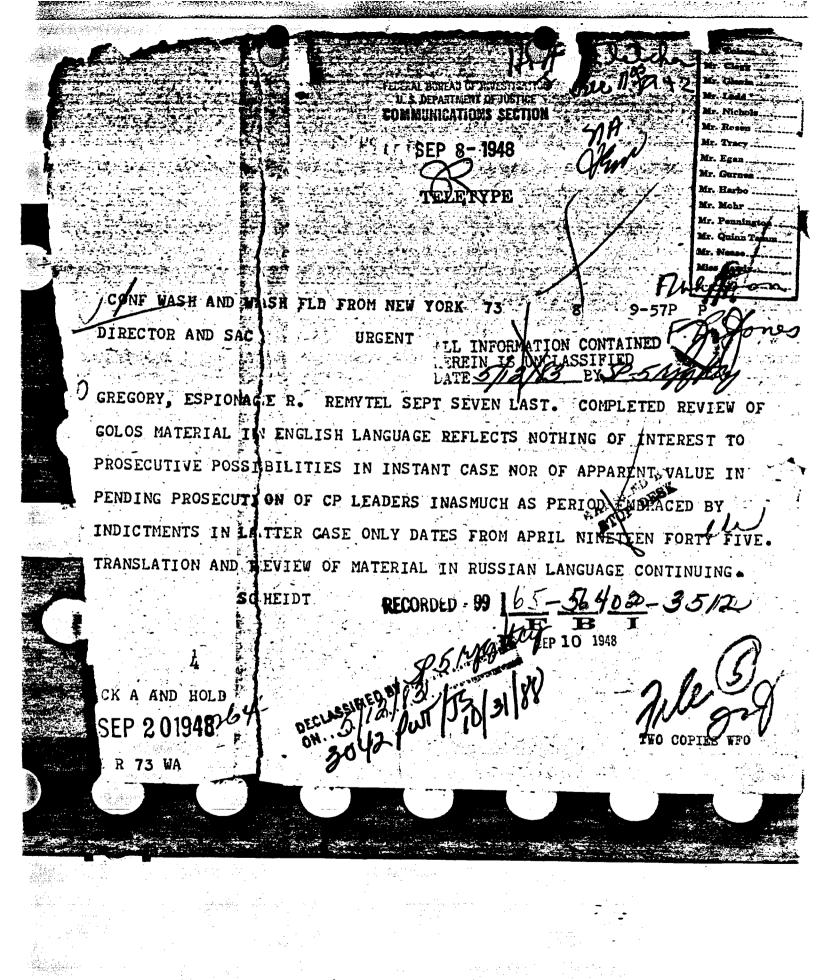
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DATE: August 3, 1948

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At 12:40 p.m. Supervisor Newby of the Washington Field Office called in and stated that this morning Remmington was questioned by the Ferguson Committee and discussed the interview of him by three Agents. He recalled the names of one of the Agents as Special Agent Cornelison. (

Remmington stated that he had thought over the interview and three days later he went back because some of the questions asked of him sounded so fantastic, and he made inquiries of Special Agent Cornelison as to whether or not Cornelison thought he, Remmington, should advise his superiors. Remmington testified that Cornelison expressed the opinion that that would be taken care of .

The Committee then asked Remmington what questions were fantastic and Remmington refused to answer because he stated he had been requested by the FHI not to discuss the subject matter of the interview and

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GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

August 3, 1948

AUBREY S. BRENT, Special Agent

GREGORY ESPIONAGE - R

Re: WILLIAM REMINCTON

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The Senate Committee began proceedings today at 10:45

A. M. when WILLIAM REMINGTON was called to the witness stand. The Chairman explained that the Committee had been unable to obtain REMINGTON'S employment record from the Secretary of Commerce who this morning had advised the .

Committee that he had not received an answer from President TRUMAN as to whether the Secretary would be permitted to submit the personnel file to the Senate Committee.

At the outset of the hearing, it appeared that the Committee was desirous of ascertaining how REMINGTON stepped from one Federal position to another and whether he had formally resigned before accepting other positions.

At 11:00 A. M., the Committee was questioning REMINGTON in regard to his employment. In this connection he stated that when he was interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in March, 1947, he was moving from his position at CWMR and going to the President's Economic Advisory Council. He noted that when he was cleaning up his desk and papers to move to his new position he observed that several of his papers were missing. He commented upon the fact that when he was interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation they were apparently aware of his employment as stated in those papers and he remarked that the Federal Bureau of Investigation may have obtained these several papers by a search of his office and desk. He inserted this remark concerning the Bureau when it apparently had no relevancy to the facts regarding his employment which were desired by the Committee.

At approximately 11:20 A. M., the Committee asked questions of REMINGTON regarding the individuals or organizations that REMINGTON had advised of his associations with BENTLEY. REMINGTON mentioned that he had informed Mr. CORNELISON of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of his association with ELIZAPETH BENTLEY, during the interview in March, 1947

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HEMINGTON stated that three days after he was originally interviewed by three Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, of whom Mr. CORNELISON was the only agent's name he could recall, he returned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and conversed with Mr. CORNELISON, advising him that the questions asked REMINGTON during the original interview had been so fantastic that REMINGTON desired to know whether he should report the information to his superior at work. He stated that Mr. CORNELISON informed him that the matter would be taken care of and REMINGTON further stated that he had promised Mr. CORNELISON that he would not disclose any information regarding the interview.

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It was noted that at several times during the proceedings by the Committee this morning, when asked regarding his association with ELIZABETH BENTLEY, REVINGTON would reply to the question, do you want me to tell what I told the Federal Bureau of Investigation

Chairman FERGUSON advised that he did not want REMINGTON to divulge anything discussed with the Federal Bureau of Investigation

but the Committee would receive any information that REMINGTON may have told ELIZABETH BENTLEY or any information regarding his association with ELIZABETH BENTLEY but the Committee would not receive such information when REMINGTON predicated his remark with the question, do you want me to divulge the information regarding my interview with the Federal Bureau of Investigation? If so, he felt that he should have a release from his promise.

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#### Office Memorandum • United States Government

: Director, FBI

SAC, New York

SUBJECT: ` GREGORY CASE - ALGER HISS

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Professor LOUIS F. BUDENZ advised SA WILLIAM J. MC CARTHY, JR., on August 26, 1948, that he had testified before the Special House Committee on Un-American Activities in Executive Session on Tuesday, August 24, 1948, relative to ALGER HISS. BUDENZ advised that he furnished the following information to the Committee.

He stated that he never met ALGER HISS but knew him to be a Communist. He knew this as a result of a conversation with EUGENE VENNIS in 1941 during the HITLER - STALIN pact. DENNIS wanted to contact someone in Washington to get some help and he wanted to know from BUDENZ whether or not HOWARD HUNTER would be helpful. BUDENZ was friendly with HUNTER, who was not a Communist but was friendly towards the Party. DENNIS advised BUDENZ that he did not want to contact ALGER HISS, NATHAN WITT or EDWIN SMITH, all of whom were Communists, because they were under a cloud at the time.

BUDENZ also heard on other occasions that AIGER HISS was a Party member. However, he cannot recall the particular instances when he heard this or the source of the information.

In 1945, during the Amerasia Case, when PHILIP JAFFE and KATE MITCHELL and Lieutenant ANDREW ROTH were arrested for extracting confidential classified documents from the Government, there was a meeting in JACK/STACHEL'S office relative to the case. Three or four members of the Political Committee were present. BUDENZ was also present. One of the members stated that Lieutenant ANDREW ROTH had suggested that AIGER HISS be contacted in order to help. BUDENZ stated that he did not know whether or not AIGER HISS was ever contacted. He added that Lieutenant ANDREW ROTH was an active member of the Communist Party.

Concerning DONALD HISS, BUDENZ stated that he knew nothing specific about his, DONALD HISS! membership in the Communist Party.

Concerning WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, BUDENZ stated that when he returned to the "Daily Worker" from Chicago, he was advised about an individual who was a renegade Communist. He is certain that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was the individual referred to. However, he was not referred to at the time as WHITTAKER CHAMBERS nor as CROSSIEY. BUDENZ added that he never knew CHAMBERS either in the Party or out.

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San Francisco, Calif.

\*I, BORIS N. VOLKOV, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents E. RAY WILLER and RICHARD H. NELSON of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I first met NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER in 1925. I was living with my wife HELEN PETROVNA VOLKOVA in Mill Valley, California. SILVERMASTER came to our home telling us he had read an article in the newspaper mentioning us and had obtained our address therefrom. He said he had first learned of us through a friend of my wife's family named ALEXANDER MIHAILOVICH KOROLEFF. He said he had attended the University of Washington with KOROLOFF.

"During his visit with us SILVERMASTER told us that he was living in Berkeley. He visited us a number of times and introduced us to his wife MARIE who was a Norweigian or Swedish girl born I believe in Minnesota. She was then attending the University of California.

"In 1926 or 1927 my wife and I moved to Berkeley, California and I continued to work as a longshoreman and laborer. At this time SILVER-MASTER told us he was teaching at St. Yary's College. In Berkeley we met very often with SILVERMASTER and his wife. Because of SILVERMASTER's conversation I was then becoming suspicious that SILVERMASTER was a communist. In our discussions SILVERMASTER once mentioned that he was a firm believer in mass terror as a way for the proletariet to get power in the state. He thought it necessary to use mass terror in the struggle to overcome the ruling classes. These are not, of course, his exact words but the above is essentially what he said to me. After these discussions I asked him if he was a communist and he answered yes. In fact several times he admitted this.

"Sometime in 1927 I met SILVERMASTER in San Francisco at the old Post Office, quite by accident. He was coming down the steps and I asked him where he had been and he said he had come from the Naturalization rooms. I believe he said that he had himself just obtained citizenship but it may be that he told me he had been a witness in naturalization proceedings. At any rate, I asked him how he, an athiest and a communist could take the naturalization oath. He smiled and answered 'you are too naive' and changed the subject.

"I have read this statement and it is true.

"/s/ BORIS N. VOLKOV

RICHARD H. NELSON, Special Agent, FBI E. RAY MILLER, Special Agent, FBI."

VOLKOV also furnished the following information:



He first met SILVERMASTER in 1925 at which time VOLKOV was living in Mill Valley, California. SILVERMASTER called at his home and introduced himself, stating that he had read about VOLKOV in the San Francisco Examiner, VOLKOV having been interviewed by an Examiner reporter regarding some books he had had published. VOLKOV thought that this meeting was in about December, 1925. SILVERMASTER on this first meeting had told him and his wife that he was a close friend of a friend of VOLKOV's wife's family. He stated that he had known this friend, ALEXANDER MIHAILOVICH KOROLEFF, at the University of Washington. VOLKOV exhibited the above mentioned Examiner article, and it was noted that it was published on December 6, 1925, and he believes his first meeting with SILVERMASTER, therefore, occurred on about December 8, 1925.

VOLKOV found SILVERMASTER to be an interesting and well informed man who was then living in Berkeley, California and either attending the University of California or teaching there. VOLKOV was then working as a longshoreman, he being a refugee white Russian. When he first met SILVERMASTER, the latter was married to a young woman of Swedish or Norwegian descent, but American born, whose first name was MARIE. He understood that she was a student at that time at the University of California. After this first meeting, the SILVERMASTERS visited at the VOLKOVS' home and they became good friends. Sometime in 1926 or 1927 the VOLKOVS moved to Berkeley where they saw the SILVERMASTERS more often.

VOLKOV had been an officer in the Czarist army and had fought underground against the Bolsheviks in China and was extremely anti-Communist. At about this time he began to suspect from SILVERMASTER's conversation that he was a Communist and in about 1927 after a number of these discussions, he asked SILVERMASTER point blank if he were a Communist, and SILVERMASTER admitted that he was. He thereafter accused him on several subsequent occasions of being a Communist and SILVERMASTER continued to admit it.

It was during 1927 also that SILVERMASTER made the admissions regarding the use of mass terror set out in the above signed statement.

It was about this time, also, that VOLKOV was writing a book reciting his experiences in the underground was against the Bolsheviks, and he remembered that his wife, HELEN PETROVNA VOLKOV, had been terrified at the thought that he would publish this anti-Soviet book, and that it would call attention to him and to HELEN PETROVNA, which would result in the death of her father, Baron PETER TITTE. Baron WITTE had been the Czarist advisor to the Mongolian Government and had been imprisoned by the Reds. He had subsequently



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been released and was a professor in the University of Moscow and later at Rostov University. VOLKOV recalled that his wife, who prior to 1927 was definitely a white Russian had lived in fear that some action of hers or BORIS' might bring down the wrath of the Communists on her father. She pleaded with VOLKOV not to mention her name or her father's in his book.

In the latter part of 1927, VOLKOV met SILVERMASTER by chance one day in the Old Post Office at San Francisco, and it was on the occasion of this meeting that SILVERMASTER replied, "You are too naive" in response to VOLKOV's question as to how SILVERMASTER, a Communist, could take the naturalization oath. VOLKOV recalled that it was at about this time that he first began to suspect that SILVERMASTER and VOLKOV's wife were becoming overly friendly.

In the latter part of 1927 or in 1928 VOLKOV's wife left him and he knew that she was with SILVER'ASTER, and he made inquiry and learned that she was in Atherton, California. He obtained, through a Dr. EMILY FOELZ, an address in Atherton and went to that address, which he could not now remember, and found that it was the home of a family named FOLKOFF. He noticed on a chair in that house a considerable amount of Communist literature, probably including The Daily Worker although he could not now recall, and he also found his wife, FOLKOFF and his wife, and NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER.

VOLKOV viewed a photograph of ISAAC FOLKOFF and stated that he believes that ISAAC FOLKOFF is identical with the FOLKOFF at whose Atherton home he found SILVERMASTER and Mrs. VOLKOV. He described the Atherton FOLKOFF as short and rather heavy set and extremely ugly, and stated that this FOLKOFF is a man who would now be about sixty years of age. It is noted that his description fits ISAAC FOLKOFF whose photograph was shown him. ISAAC FOLKOFF who resides at 112 Havelock, San Francisco, is presently Educational Director be of the Glenn Park Communist Club according to

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VOLKOV believes that the break up of his marriage was a result of HELEN's having met SILVERMASTER, but he stated that a contributing factor had been that a Professor SCHUMAKOF, a scientist from the U.S.S.R., came to the United States in about 1925 and stayed with VOLKOV and his wife, HELEN, at their kill Valley home. SCHUMAKOF attempted to persuade VOLKOV to return to Russia with the promise that while he might first be imprisoned, he would be immediately released and brought into a position of prominence because of his gift for writing. VOLKOV talked with some of his white Russian friends, who advised against his returning, and he declined to Professor SCHUMAKOF to return. HELEN VOLKOV had been much impressed by SCHUMAKOF's promises and became angry at VOLKOV for not returning to Russia. Gossip in the Russian colony had subsequently confirmed VOLKOV's suspicions that SCHUMAKOF was a Soviet Agent.

VOLKOV recalled that SCHUMAKOF said to him on one occasion that he would have to move from the VOLKOV home "because a new Soviet spy is coming here named SCHOLNIK." He indicated that this SCHOLNIK was a woman and further that his living at the VOLKOV home would prejudice him upon his return to Russia.

VOLKOV later learned that MADAME CLARA was formerly named SCHOLNIK. He stated that she is a dressmaker residing on Pacific Avenue in San Francisco and is now married to a Russian carpenter and is active in the Communist Party. He related this as background to the information that MADAME CLARA was friendly with ZOYA MARKOFF, FOLKOFF and SILVERWASTER.

the records of the Retail Credit Association, 1s identical with CLARA SCHOLNIK who operates a dressmaking establishment at 2230 Union Street as MADAME CLARA.

VOLKOV exhibited a Sam Francisco Examiner clipping dated August 23, 1929 reflecting that NATAN SILVERMASTER was divorced from MARTE SILVERMASTER on August 23, 1929. San Francisco City Hall records confirm this divorce. VOLKOV advised that he, VOLKOV, was divorced from HELEN PETROVNA



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on July 15, 1930. He has retained a copy of the interlocutory decreted at a July 10, 1929, and he read a portion of it in which he had specified as a condition to the divorce that his son, ANATOLE, not be exposed to Communist influence and not be taken out of the United States without the written consent of both parties. He did not contest HELEN's suit for divorce or her application for custody of their son, but was fearful at the time that HELEN would marry SILVERM STER and bring ANATOLE up as a Communist.

VOLKOV stated that for the next few years after his separation from HELEN she lived with SILVERMASTER, and that he had great difficulty in locating them at their various residences in order to see his son. He recalled that in about 1934 he located SILVERMASTER and his wife at an address on Duboce Avenue in San Francisco and talked with his son. VOLKOV was at this time remarried, and he recalled that his wife had become very friendly with ANATOLE and had warned him that SILVERMASTER was a Communist. ANATOLE told SILVERMASTER, who in turn telephoned VOLKOV and told him that if Mrs. VOLKOV did not desist from her allegations, he would sue VOLKOV. VOLKOV told him that he would welcome such a suit but SILVERMASTER never did sue.

In 1940, a Civil Service investigator, investigating allegations of Communism on the part of SILVERMASTER, contacted VOLKOV. VOLKOV had made a note of his name, CARL B. LUCKERATH, 101 United States Mint Building, San Francisco. VOLKOV told LUCKERATH that SILVERMASTER was a Communist and told him that he would obtain the names of persons who could testify to this. He contacted a white Russian friend of his named IVAN MAIOROFF, who told VOLKOV that VASILI VASILIEVICH DEMIDOV of 4151 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland, had been a member of the same Communist Party cell as SILVERMASTER and MAIOROFF told him that he would attempt through his contact with DEMIDOV to obtain Party records or the Communist book of SILVERMASTER.

San Francisco indices are negative as to DEMIDOV.

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VOLKOV advised that in 1934 he was on vacation in Carmel, California and saw SILVERMASTER on the street at Carmel. He also saw him in the company of ELLA UINTER, well-known Communist, who was married to LINCOLN STEFFINS. During this vacation he attended a lecture made by SILVERMASTER at Carmel, which VOLKOV described as of a Communist nature and in praise of Russia, but as "not very radical." VOLKOV said that he could not remember any specific statements of SILVERMASTER during this lecture, but recalled that some of the things he said were in praise of Russia and Communism, but were not statements indicating that SILVERMASTER was a Communist or was pro-Soviet.



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Also in about 1934, VOLKOV called at the SILVERMASTER home at 800 Duboce to see his son ANATOLE. On a telephone pad in the SILVERMASTER home he noted a telephone number, Underhill 5688 and beside that, the name? FOLKOFF. He also noted on this telephone pad the name KAGEL with an Ashberry telephone number. It is noted that previous investigation has indicated the friendship of SILVERMASTER with SAM KAGEL, who in 1945 was War Manpower Commission's State Manpower Director.

Informants have indicated that KAGEL was very close to HARRY ERIDGES in 1934 and was also friendly with Communist Party Lawyers RESNER, ANDERSON, GROSSMAN and GLADSTEIN. According to T-1, MAGEL followed that Party line in all of his actions and took orders from LOUIS SLOCK, who was closely associated with GREGORY SILVERMASTER, whom T-1 described as "another Communist in Government service." T-1 and numerous other confidential informants have identified KAGEL with the Communist Party.

Regarding LOUIS BLOCK, mentioned above, WOLKOV stated that BLOCK was SILVERMASTER's best friend in San Francisco.

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VOLKOV advised that when SILVERMASTER was in Washington in the Government Service in 1940, his voter's registration for the State of California gave 284 Roosevelt May in San Francisco, the home of LOUIS BLOCK, as SILVER-MaSTER's voting registration address.

VOLKOV stated that he knew that while SILVERMASTER was living in Berkeley and in San Francisco he entertained in his home such prominent Communists as ELLA VINTER and University of California Professor MAX-RADIN, and that he was very friendly with HARRY BRIDGES. In addition, he was very close to CHARLES FALAMUTE, a writer who in the early 1930's was translating the works of TROTZKY. VOLKOV further identified this MALAMUTE by stating that MALAMUTE's wife, JEAN, is the daughter of JACK-LONDON. He stated that SILVERMASTER was also extremely friendly with HAAKON CHEVALIER, a self-confessed contact of STEVE NELSON, who has furnished vital confidential national defense information to NELSON.

In about 1940, VOLKOV's son, ANATOLE, came to California to recover from a serious illness. He visited the VOLKOVS for a few days, but lived most of the time at the home of Mrs. LENG-HC CARTHY, at Post Office Box 113, Ukiah, California. She was a woman of German extraction, whom the

VOLKOVS had met through SILVERMASTER. She has two sons, PAUL and PETER, who are about ANATOLE's age. PAUL has some Communist tendencies, but ENDENLY brother nor mother are Communists.

HELEN VOLKOV had married SILVERMASTER in 1932 and ANATOLE had been living with the SILVERMASTERS in Berkeley, San Francisco and subsequently, during SILVERMASTER's Government service, in Vashington, D. C. VOLKOV thought that in 1940 ANATOLE was not a Communist, that he was not too fond of SILVERMASTER and would have preferred to remain in California with either Mrs. MC CARTHY or the VOLKOVS. ANATOLE became very fond of the present Mrs. VOLKOV and told VOLKOV that he had written his mother asking that he be allowed to stay in California longer. He recalled that HELEN SILVER-MASTER's reply to his request had been that he must instantly return to Washington.

VOLKOV stated that when ANATOLE left the VOLKOV home in the fall of 1940, he had forgotten some letters and some portions of some letters from HELEN SILVERMASTER to ANATOLE. VOLKOV stated that he has kept these letters and he made them available to reporting Agent and they have been photostated. Photostatic copies of these letters are being furnished to Washington Field as enclosures with copies of this report.

A review of these letters confirms VOLKOV's statements that HELEN was insistent on ANATOLE's returning to "ashington. A portion of one of these letters is quoted as follows: "Sorry to disappoint you ANATOLE, but your idea of staying in California is absolutely unacceptable to me. I have more than one reason for it, but I won't discuss any of them now." In this letter, which is undated but which appears to be one of a series with a letter also photostated dated August 21, 1940, and which was certainly written prior to September 15, 1940, since that date is mentioned in the future tense in this letter, HELEN mentions "a very nice new friend - little boy of 10 from England, NORA COE's nephew." In this letter she also mentions a Mr. ADLER who called her and offered to play a game of chess with ANATOLE by correspondence.

In another letter, also undated but which from its subject matter was written at about the same date, HELEN again mentions Mr. ADLER and furnished "Mrs. VHITE's address" as "6810 Farifax Road, Bethesda, Md."

It is noted that newspaper accounts relative to HARRY DEXTER WHITE have carried the above as his address, and it appears clear that this reference is to Mrs. HARRY DEXTER WHITE. In this letter she also mentions that "LUD's father is visiting here," and VOLKOV thought that this reference

might be to WILLIAM LUDWICKULIMAN, mentioned in the current House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings. He also thought that the reference to COE might be to VIRGINIOUS FRANK COE and to ADLER might be to SOLOMAN ADLER, who are also mentioned in press accounts of instant hearings.

VOLKOV stated that he will retain the originals of these letters, but that he would not be willing to produce them in court because he feels that he would require the consent of his son, ANATOLE, before producing them in response to a subpoena. He stated that he still hopes to retain the affections of his son and to win him away from SILVERMASTER and would not risk antagonizing him by producing these letters in court without his consent. He feels that he can obtain the consent of ANATOLE and is confident that he still feels considerable affection for VOLKOV and his present wife. He stated that he is writing to ANATOLE asking him to come and visit him and asking for his consent in connection with these letters.

During ANATOLE's visit in 1940, he had several long talks with ANATOLE and obtained the following information from him:

In the first place, ANATOLE told him that SILVERMASTER is not a Communist, but a liberal. He stated that whenever HARRY BRIDGES came to Washington he always visited at the SILVERMASTER home, and that BRIDGES and his father were old friends.

He stated that SILVERMASTER had an excellent job in Washington and met and worked with all of the important people in the Government, and, further, that he went to the Thite House regularly in connection with his work and might be considered a Presidential advisor. He was intimately acquainted with both FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT and with ELEANOR ROOSEVELT. He also stated that SILVERMASTER had furnished JOHN STEINBACK considerable of the background material which STEINBACK used in writing "GRAPES OF WRATH," and he stated that this was material which SILVERMASTER had obtained by Virtue of his work in the Government Agricultural Administration.

ANATOLE also told him that he despised LUDVULIMAN, who was then living at the SILVERMASTER home. VOLKOV understood from ANATOLE that ULIMAN had bought the SILVERMASTER home in Washington jointly with the SIVERMASTERS furnishing half of the money.

ANATOLE also told him that ULIMAN had a photographic laboratory in the basement of their home in Washington and he mentioned this in connection with VOLKOV's inquiry as to some enlargements of photographs of ANATOLE which ANATOLE had sent him.





VOLKOV also recalls ANATOLE telling him that in Washington the SILVERMASTERS attended Russian Embassy dinners regularly.

He was also told by either ANATOLE or, much earlier, by SILVERMASTER, that SILVERMASTER's mother is residing in Washington, and that either a brother or a sister is living in Mexico and operating a novelty store there. He believes that HELEN SILVERMASTER has visited this brother or sister in Mexico.

Regarding the above mentioned LOUIS BLOCK, ANATOLE told VOLKOV in 1940 that the SILVERLASTERS were still seeing a lot of LOUIS BLOCK, who was then in Government service in Washington and that, in fact, they had the same colored maid.

VOLKOV mentioned as further indication of the close friendship of the SILVERMASTERS with HARRY DEXTER "HITE, that ANATOLE had received a book from ANNE TERRY VHITE entitled, "LOST VORLDS, ADVENTURES IN ARCHEOLOGY." It is noted that ANNE TERRY WHITE is the wife of HARRY DEXTER WHITE.

VOLKOV also mentioned that ANATOLE had told him that BORIS WITTE, who is the brother of HELEN SILVERMASTER, lived with his wife until about four years ago at 5515 - 30th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., with the SILVERMASTERS. VOLKOV understands that BORIS WITTE is now in Alaska and that his wife, VERA IVANOVNA LAVROVA 'ITTE has left him and is now living in Detroit, Michigan at 8911 Linwood Street, Apartment 8. VOLKOV stated that she is anti-Communist, and that her former husband, BORIS, used to be anti-Communist, but that his father is still living in Mussia, and that he would be unable to testify. He believed, however, that VERA has no relatives in Russia and, being anti-Communist, might be a good source of information regarding the SILVERMASTERS.

VOLKOV stated that SERGE LAVROVA, a brother of VERA, is a major in the United States Army who had a fine war record in the Intelligence Division and who is now in China. He was unable to state whether Major LAVROVA would have been acquainted with the SILVERMASTERS. The Detroit Office has been requested to interview VERA IVANOVA. LAVROVA TITTE.

VOLKOV also suggested that the following persons would have information regarding SILVERWASTER's Communist Party activities:

NICOLAI T. MIROV, 1585 Scenic Blvd., Berkeley, California. Dr. EMILY WOELZ, 4843 Geary Blvd., San Francisco, California. Mrs. LENA MC CARTHY, Post Office Box 113, Ukiah, California. VLADIMIR VELIKOSALSKI, 212 Presidio, San Francisco, California.





The records of the Clerk of the United States Court, maintained in the custody of C. W. CALBREATH, clerk, reflect the following naturalization data regarding SILVERMASTER:

A Certificate of Arrival filed January 18, 1924 reflects that NATHAN SILBERMASTER entered the United States at the Port of San Francisco on March 20, 1916 via the TENYA MARU.

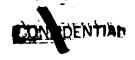
He filed Declaration of Intention number 16184 on September 14, 1921, which reflected the following information: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, age twenty-two years, a graduate student at the University of Mashington, was born in Odessa, Russia, November 27, 1898, and living at 4339 Eleventh, N.E., Seattle, Washington, renounced his allegiance to "Russia or any independent state of the former Russian empire." This Declaration stated that he arrived at San Francisco on about the fifteenth of February, 1916.

Also on file was his Petition for Naturalization, number 11169, reflecting the following: N.THAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER of 171 Glenwood Glade, Oakland, California, a college instructor, born November 27, 1898 in Odessa, Russia, emigrated to the United States from Shanghai, China in February, 1916, arriving in San Francisco Harch 20, 1916, and filed a previous Declaration of Intention in the Superior Court of King County, Seattle, Washington; he married MARIA on February 24, 1923 in Oakland, California. MARIA was born October 2, 1898 at Great Falls, Montana. Witnessing the above Petition were MARIA H. SILVERMASTER, housewife, of 171 Glenwood Glade, Oakland, and PRESTON L. SHOBE, an accountant living at 1077 Keith Avenue, Berkeley, California. The Affidavit in connection with this Petition was filed on August 10, 1927, and the oath of allegiance by SILVERMASTER was taken on December 5, 1927, and he was admitted to citizenship on the same date.

Certificate of Naturalization number 2625620 was issued on December 5, 1927.

San Francisco indices are negative as to MARIA H. SILVERMASTER. Her maiden name was ascertained through marriage records in Oakland to be MARIA HOLHESLAND, and San Francisco indices are likewise negative as to that name.

Regarding PRESTON L. SHOBE, mentioned above, he may be identical with PRESCOTT LESLIE 8HOBE who resided in 1943 at 84 Cobb Avenue, Sausalito, California.





ENCLOSURE TO 'ASHINGTON FIELD: Photostatic copies of letters from HELEN SILVENIA STER to AN. TOLE. (Three half-sheets and five full sheets.)

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#### THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION:

At San Francisco, California, will report the result of interviews with NICOLAI T. MIROV, 1585 Scenic Blvd., Berkeley, California; Dr. EMILY MOELZ, 4843 Geary Blvd., San Francisco, and VLLDIMIR VELIKOSELSKI, 212 Presidio, San Francisco.

Will also attempt to locate subject's former wife, MARIE HOLNESLAND, advising the Bureau of any information appearing in San Francisco files regarding her and requesting authority for interview with her.

Copies of this report are being furnished to the New York Office in view of the Grand Jury Hearings which have been conducted and in view of the possibility of future hearings.

Copies of this report are being furnished to the Detroit Office in view of the interview with VERA TITTE which was requested by teletype from the San Francisco Office.



#### SOURCE SHEET



BARNEY MAYES, Director of Research, California Federation of Labor.



## Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Mr. Fletcher SUBJECT: JULIUS J. JOSEPH

(GREGORY CASE)

DATE: August 27, 1948

Reference is made to the attached memorandum from the Intelligence Division of the Army dated August 24, 1948, requesting that they be furnished with any information in the Bureau files reflecting upon the loyalty, character or integrity of subject.

Within the past few weeks a similar request was made of the Bureau by the State Department concerning subject. At that time the State Department was advised that they had been furnished with summaries in the Gregory Case in which Joseph's activities were set forth and that there was no further pertinent information in the Bureau files.

On March 7, 1946, Lt. General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department, was furnished with a summary in the Gregory Case captioned "Underground Soviet Espionage Organization (NKVD) in Agencies of the United States Government" dated February 21, 1946. (100-3-1313)

On February 26, 1946, Lt. Vendenberg was furnished with a summary entitled "Soviet Espionage in the United States" dated December 12, 1945. (61-3499-229)

In the above two summaries the allegations of Bentley were set out concerning Joseph and in the first summary the results of the Bureau's investigation regarding her allegations were contained therein.

ACTION:

It is suggested that the Liaison Section advise the Intelligence Division of the Army that information on Joseph has been made available to them in the above mentioned summaries and that no further pertinent antormation is available in the Bureau files.





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# Office Memorandum • United States Government

TO : MR. D. M. LAD

DATE: September 3, 1948

FROM

MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN

SUBJECT:

GREGORY

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ASAC Belmont of the New York Office called at 9:50 a.m. today and stated that the investigation requested by the Bureau on the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation for possible prosecution under the Registration Actions has been completed by the New York Office and is now in dictation. Mr. Belmont said that in order to comply with the Bureau's instructions that the report be received at the Bureau today it will be necessary to either have it flown in or have it taken in by some of the Agents of the New York Office who are coming to Washington for the weekend. In the case of the latter Mr. Belmont said that the report in all probability will not reach the Bureau until 11 or 12 o'clock tonight.

Mr. Belmont stated that the report will cover all the investigation requested by the Bureau on this angle of the case in its recent letter and teletype and also will include the interview with Bernice Levin. In addition, Mr. Belmont stated that the New York Office will attach a cover letter showing the type of material found among Jacob Golos' effects in the warehouse.

Mr. Belmont said this information is being incorporated in a cover letter because it will be impossible to get it into the report. He added that photostats of the material have been made and it is being translated and reviewed. The New York Office will keep after this project and advise the Bureau fully as soon as it is completed. Mr. Belmont commented that there is tremendous material involved and reviewing it is an extensive task. He related that in order to obtain legal access to this material, if desired at a later date, it probably will be necessary to serve a subpoena on the administrator of Golos' estate.

With regard to Bernice Levin, Belmont said that she was in the New York Office at the time of his call. He said that she is adopting the usual Communist tactics and refuses to talk without a lawyer. Because no process is outstanding on her, Mr. Belmont stated that she was to call an attorney and his advice to her was absolutely not to talk until he is present. The attorney will be tied up until sometime this afternoon and it is contemplated that he will come to the New York Office at that time and Mr. Belmont said that, unless the Burean objected. Levin will be interviewed in the presence of an attorney. He added that it is not anticipated that much information will be gained from this interview.

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Mr. Belmont suggested that Mr. Donegan be notified that Levin is in the office being talked to and recommended that Donegan have a subpoena issued and have it served by the United States Marshal either in the office or at the time Levin is leaving, following the interview. Mr. Belmont wanted to know if there would be any objection to do this.

After discussing this matter with you, Mr. Belmont was advised that there would be no objection to have the subpoena served on Levin in the office after the interview. Mr. Belmont was also requested to have the report flown to the Bureau in order to insure that it would reach here today.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER

DATE: 9-7-48

FROM : L. L. LAUGHLEN

SUBJECT: GREGORY

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ASAC Belmont of the New York Office called at 1:45 p.m. today and referred to a teletype received from the Bureau dated September 3, 1948, instructing that the investigation requested by Bureau teletype of August 26, 1948, be expedited.

Mr. Belmont stated that he was unable to locate Bureau teletype of August 26, and he desired to be advised of its contents.

After checking on this, it was determined that the followup teletype of September 3 to the New York Office was sent inadvertently and it should have and since has gone to the San Francisco Office.

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Report of SA MAURICE A. TAYLOR, Washington, D.C., 8/27/48.

DETAILS:

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Business Address: c/o Martin Segal, Inc.,
17 East 49th Street, New York
City.

#### ALLEGATIONS BY INFORMANT GREGORY

On August 24, 1948, Confidential Informant Gregory advised THOMAS G. SPENCER, Special Agent, New York City, that sometime in the Summer or Fall of 1941 when she was making her first trips to Washington, D.C., at the request of GOLOS, he informed her that BERNICE LEVIN, who was employed in the War Production Board, was a person whom Informant Gregory could contact and who would furnish information to her. Gregory stated that from sometime late in 1941 and continuing to the middle of 1942 she met RERNICE LEVIN by prearrangement on various street corners in Washington, D.C. At these times and places Miss LEVIN turned over copies of correspondence and notes which had been typed by LEVIN and would also furnish orally to Gregory information that had come to her attention as a stenotypist with the Wartime Government Agency. Gregory stated that Miss IEVIN was a stenotypist and as such was employed in the stenographic pool of the WAR PRODUCTION BOARD, Washington, D.C. She further recalled that one of Miss LEVIN'S duties was to take dictation from various members of the Board and thereupon LEVIN would make notes or take copies of any information which came to her attention and which she believed to be important and pertinent. Gregory declared that the information supplied by LEVIN was not of much importance and was concerned principally with wartime production and she reported on items ranging from brassieres to pots and pans.

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that she did not care too much about Washington and anticipated returning to New York City in the near future. Shortly thereafter, Gregory lost contact with BERNICE LEVIN and did not hear of her again until sometime in the Spring of 1943. It was at this time that JACOB GOLOS mentioned to Gregory that he had learned Miss LEVIN was employed in New York City for the TASS NEWS AGENCY. Gregory stated she was almost positive that GOLOS mentioned that LEVIN was working for TASS. However, if it was not the TASS Agency that was mentioned by GOLOS it was the INTER-CONTINENT NEWS SERVICE, which at that time was operated by GRACE GRANICH. Upon further reflection, Gregory was certain in her cwn mind that GOLOS had stated that LEVIN was working for TASS. She further recalled that at this time GOLOS told her that because of the nature of LEVIN'S present occupation there would be no further need to contact her.

In commenting upon IEVIN'S background, Gregory stated that all she knew concerning this was obtained from conversations had during her contact with IEVIN. To this extent she recalled that LEVIN had had an unfortunate love affair in New York City where she had apparently resided for a considerable time. After this unfortunate affair LEVIN moved to Washington, D.C. Gregory had no knowledge as to whether LEVIN was an associate of GOLOS prior to her entering the employ of the WAR PRODUCTION BOARD in Washington, D.C.

Concerning the associates of IEVIN, Gregory recalled that she was a friend of BARNEY JOSEPHSON, proprietor of Cafe Society Downtown. The description of IEVIN furnished by Gregory was that she was fairly young, dark hair, medium height, Jewish nationality, and that BERNICE IEVIN was her true and correct name.

#### RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

By letter dated September L, 1948, the Bureau advised that an individual named HERNICE LEVIN, who was believed to be identical with the HERNICE LEVIN referred to by Informant Gregory, applied for a position as a stenographer with the Bureau on February 7, 1940. In her

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application she listed her legal residence as Chicago, Illinois, and her Washington address as 2225 N Street, Northwest, Apartment 305. She said she was born on March 20, 1920; that she weighed 118 pounds and was 5'22" in height; her birthplace was Chicago, Illinois; her father's name was for SAMUEI IEVIN, born in Lithuania; and her mother's maiden name was OSTRINER, also born in Lithuania. IEVIN stated that she was single and was a citizen of the United States. Under education she said she attended Delano Elementary School at Chicago, Illinois, from 1925 to 1932 and attended the following high schools: Austin High School, Chicago, Illinois, from 1932 to 1934; Marshall High School, Chicago, Illinois, 1934 to 1935, and Hyde Park High School, Chicago, Illimois, from 1935 to 1936. She attended the National Stenotype Institute in Chicago, Illinois, from September, 1936, to May, 1937, completing an entire business course. Under employment, LEVIN stated that she was employed by Alfred A. Bilsky, 2328 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, from July 1, 1937, to January 27, 1940, doing secretarial She listed as references Dr. H. Gomberg, 2735 Prairie Avenue, Chicago; Mr. M. Adler, 6835 South Ridgeland Avenue, Chicago; Mrs. Benjamin Allen, 2225 N Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Marous Goldman, 707 20th Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C.; and Dr. M. Goldwasser, 116 Herth Healin Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

It was further set out in the Bureau letter of September 1, 1948, that the name RERNICE GOODMAN/IEVINE, 2225 M Street, Morthwest, Washington, D.C., appeared on a list of names and addresses of individuals and organizations contained in the active indices of the Maticnal Federation For Constitutional Liberties. In this same referenced letter was contained a photograph of MERNICE IEVIN. A comparison thereof with the individual later interviewed by Agents of the New York Office determined that they are the same person.

Confidential Informant T-1, who is deemed reliable and who is unavailable as a witness, advised on September 12, 1946, that HERNICE LEVIN, business address 17 East 49th Street, New York City, was a member of the West Midtown Club of the COMMUNIST PARTY. Periodically during 1947 and 1948, Confidential Informant T-1 continued to advise that MERNICE LEVIN had continued to be active in the affairs of the West Midtown Club of the CP and regularly attended meetings and was active in enlisting other individuals for COMMUNIST PARTY work. It is to be acted that the address 17 East 49th Street is the address of MARTIN E. SEGAL, INC., the employer of MERNICE



Confidential Informant T-1 further advised that HERNICE IEVIN also uses the Party name HERNICE IEVINE and is presently residing at 165 West 71st Street, New York City, telephone number TRafalgar 3-6475. T-1 also confirmed that LEVIN for some time past has been employed as a stenotypist in the firm of MAPTIN SEGAL, INC., 17 Hast 49th Street, New York City, telephone number Eldorade 5-5232. T-1 recalled that HERNICE LEVIN until about five years ago had been employed by an unknown Governmental Agency in Washington, D.C. T-1 further recalled that LEVIN is an associate of LEON JOSEPHSON. It is to be noted that this confirms the allegation of Informant Gregory that the LEVIN person whom she contacted at the request of GOLOS was an associate of BARNEY JOSEPHSON, who is a brother of LEON JOSEPHSON.

Confidential Informant T-1 further was aware of the fact that FERNICE LEVIN had a mother and a brother in Chicago, Illinois, and the description furnished by T-1 was as follows:

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Age: Weight:

Height:

Build: Complexion:

Hair:

Characteristics:

Occupation:

BERNICE LEVIE, wa Bernice Levine

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108 pounds

512"

Small - thin

Sallow

Dark brown - worn in a long bob. Wears dark tortoise shell glasses.

Stenotypist

Confidential Informant T-1 further recalled that several years ago LEVIN underwent treatment for a nervous disorder. T-1 could not recall, however, the name of the psychiatrist visited by LEVIN. In commenting upon these treatments, however, LEVIN at one time stated that she endeavored to recruit this psychiatrist as a member of the COMMUNIST PARTY.

As set out in referenced report, upon leaving Washington in 1942, BERNICE LEVIN apparently moved to 1240 Park Avenue, Apartment 3F, New York, New York. A check of the Board of Election records for the Borough

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of Manhattan, 400 Broome Street, New York City, reflected that in 1944, while residing at 1240 Park Avenue, Apartment SF, BERNICE LEVIN registered in the 9th Assembly District, 61st Election District, as a voter of the AMERICAN LABOR PARTY. On the registration record LEVIN indicated that she was born in the United States; that she attended Chicago high schools in June, 1936, and that this was her first vote. The records of the Board of Blections for the year 1945, 9th Assembly District, 67th Election District, reflected that HERNICE IEVIN again registered as a voter of the AMERICAN LABOR PARTY. The Election records for the 9th Assembly District, 19th Election District, reflected that BERNICE IEVIN registered as a voter of the AMERICAN LABOR PARTY while residing in Apartment 5W, 127 West 58th Street, for the year 1946. The registration record further reflected that she last voted in the year 1945 while residing at 1240 Park Avenue, New York City, and that at the time she was secretary to MARTIN E. SEGAL, 17 East 49th Street, New York City. For the year 1947 the records reflect that LEVIN, while residing at 127 West 58th Street, again registered as a voter of the AMERICAN LABOR PARTY.

As set out in the referenced report from the Washington Field Office, LEVIN was employed by the OPM and CEM from August 11, 1941, to October 24, 1942, as a stenographer reporter. This report further reflected that in November, 1942, Dr. JOSEPH WILDER, 1211 Madison Avenue, New York City, certified to the OEM that BERNICE LEVIN was under his professional care.

Dr. JOSEPH WILDER, 5 East 75rd Street, New York City, formerly of 1211 Madison Avenue, New York City, Psychiatrist-Neurologist, advised that EERNICE LEVIN for about four years subsequent to 1942 had visited him as a patient. He stated that she was very nervous and that psychiatric treatment was employed to effect a possible cure. During recent years Miss LEVIN has visited Dr. WILDER only spasmodically. Dr. WILDER pointed out that as a psychiatrist he had delved deeply into all phases of the patient's background in order to discover the emotional disturbances which had upset her. In this regard he pointed out that a very confidential relationship of Doctor and patient existed between himself and LEVIN. By inference Dr. WILDER indicated that LEVIN had, in

answer to his questions, disclessed her thoughts on love as well as political matters among others. Dr. WILDER stated that he sensed the Purpose of the inquiry although it was not epenly disclosed to him. He advised at the outset that because of the relationship existing between himself and Miss IEVIN that he could not in conscience disclose the matters which IEVIN had given to him as a patient. Dr. WILDER advised that he would desire to cooperate with Agents of the Bureau and further advised of his ethics committee in order that he might be sultation, which was in general terms and without mentioning the Bureau's the information which was in his possession concerning IEVIE'S activities. He did indicate, however, that one of the troubles IEVIN had was a love Informant Gregory.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York was employed as a stenotypist by MARTIN E. SEGAL, 17 East 49th Street, New York City; New York City, and maintained a special checking account at the Chase of a pertinent nature was reflected therein.

JOHN REYK, superintendent, 1240 Park Avenue, New York intendent at the Park Avenue address, advised that Apartment 5F was leased by one SARAH STEIN for the past number of years. Miss STEIN sublet her apartment to a number of young working girls who were obtained by reference from the YNCA. Although REYK and GILHERT could not recall BERNICE IEVIN as having been a resident there, they believed that she might well have been one of a number of girls who resided in the STEIN apartment. Mrs. apartment in or about 1944 or 1945 and, thereafter, moved to an address information of a pertinent nature concerning IEVIN.

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HARRY BISMOPOLOS, elevator operator, 127 West 58th Street, New York City, advised that until about April of 1948 BERNICE LEVIN had resided in Apartment 5W. This apartment was originally leased to a Mrs. FORES and she thereupon sublet it to about ten girls who maintained living quarters there. BISMOPOLOS recalled that some of the girls who were residing there during LEVIN'S residence were as follows:

LULU FLICKINGER
Mrs. MAX CRONHEIM
IRENE DICKINSON
DIANA GILMORE
ISABELLE MEYERS
LUCY/MERRIMAN

Mr. BISMOPOLOS stated that there was no direct relationship between the tenants of Apartment 5W and that they were merely lessees of Mrs. FORES. He could not furnish any information of a pertinent nature concerning BERNICE IEVIN with the exception of the fact that she had left a forwarding address of 165 West 71st Street, New York City.

### INTERVIEW WITH BERNICE LEVIN

On September 3, 1948, BERNICE IEVIN was met outside of her apartment house at 165 West 71st Street and thereafter she voluntarily accompanied SA JOHN T. HILSBOS and the writer to the New York Office. Miss IEVIN advised, however, that she desired to consult an atterney before being interviewed and that she would also desire to have an attorney present during the interview.

On September 7, 1948, BERNICE LEVIN was interviewed at the New York Office from 11:35 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. by SA JOHN T. HILSBOS and the writer in the presence of her attorney, ROBERT I. ROGIN, 565 5th Avenue, New York City. BERNICE IEVIN stated she was born March 20, 1920, at Chicago, Illinois, and her parents were SAMUEL LEVIN, deceased, and RAY LEVIN, mother, presently residing in Mantino, Illinois. Her only other close relative is LEONIE VIN, age 38, resident of Chicago, Illinois.

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Miss LEVIN confirmed that she attended Chicago high schools from 1932 to 1936 and further confirmed that they were identical with the information previously set forth in this report. For about seven months in September, 1936 she attended the National Stenotype Institute. From 1937 to 1939 LEVIN was employed by the PERRY FIELD TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY. In 1939 she left Chicago and went to Washington, D.C., and from 1939 to 1940 was employed as a secretary to the National Secretary of the B'Nai Brith. At the end of 1940 she commenced her Government employment and this continued to about Movember, 1942. She was originally employed by the OPM and the OEM. She pointed out, however, that she was a stenotype reporter in the stenographic pool and as such would also be assigned to recording minutes of hearings of the WAR LABOR BOARD. Wiss LEVIN further stated that in her capacity as a stenotype reporter she would often be assigned to record minutes of meetings, thereafter transcribing these notes. The meetings were concerned principally with manufacture groups making applications for Government Agencies for price changes in their commodities. She also pointed out that as a reporter in hearings before the War Labor Board she would record data on arbitration agreements or disputes between management and labor groups. Miss LEVIN pointed out that these meetings were conducted to the most extent in private and the results thereof were only known to the groups present and the Government officials sitting in at the hearings.

Miss IEVIN further pointed out that on most occasions she worked in relays with other stenotype reporters and as a consequence would only hear a portion of the meetings. Thereafter, upon transcription of her notes, they would be forwarded to her supervisor who would then consolidate them for transmittal to the appropriate Boards. Miss IEVIN further related that as a reporter for the WLB she recorded the minutes of staff meetings of members of the Board. She advised that these minutes were, for the most part, of a confidential mature. She recalled that on only one occasion was the public admitted to the hearings and that was in regard to a hearing on "little steel".

Miss LEVIN pointed out that although she had never been instructed that no comment should be made outside of the hearing rooms on the information which came to her attention, it was assumed that there would

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be no comment by the reporters or these participating in the Government hearings. Hiss LEVIN further stated that upon transcription of her notes they were initialled by her and ferwarded to her supervisor. She advised at no time had she ever made extra copies of her notes nor had she given them to any outside or unauthorized sources.

Gregory nor had she ever some in contact with her or met her by prearrangement at various places in Washington, D.C., during the years 1941 and 1942. She further stated that she never turned over to Gregory any notes or correspondence of any nature whatsoever. She stated further that she never knew an individual by the name of JACOB GOLOS nor had he ever introduced her to Informant Gregory. She was asked whether she had ever met ELIZABETH BENTLEY or a woman named HELEN JOHNS. She stated that she was familiar with Miss BENTLEY from her pictures appearing in the paper during her recent testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee, and after being shown a photograph of Miss HENTLEY and GOLOS repeated that she had never met or talked with either of them.

As set out in referenced report from the Washington

Field Office,

It is to be further recalled that WILLIAM REMINGTON was a former employee of the OEM. BERNICE LEVIN advised that she never knew WILLIAM REMINGTON and, furthermore, she failed to recognize a photograph of him.

Miss LEVIN stated that upon coming to Washington in 1939 she resided at 2225 N Street N.W., Washington, D.C. This house was owned by ANNE COODMAN. Miss LEVIN stated that she had formerly known Mrs. GOODMAN'S daughter, BEVERLY, in Chicago, Illinois. She continued her residence at the GOODMAN home until the and of 1941. From late 1941 to November, 1942, EEVIN resided at 1685 Crescent Place, Washington, D.C. This was her last Washington address prior to leaving for New York City. She advised that the following had been her New York addresses since 1942:

November, 1942 - 1945

1240 Park Avenue, New York City.

1945

359 West 29th Street, New York City.

April 2, 1948, to date

165 West 71st Street, New York City.

During the interview Miss LEVIN advised that she had mever used any other name than RERNICE LEVIN. It is to be noted, however, that, according to Confidential Informant Tol, she uses the name RERNICE IEVINE in the COMMUNIST PARTY and, further, that Confidential Informant T-2 reported that the name BERNICE GOODMAN LEVINE, 2225 M Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C., appeared on a list of names and addresses of individuals and organizations contained in the active indices of the Mational Federation for Constitutional Liberties.

Miss IEVIN advised that she had never worked for TASS MENS AGENCY nor the INTER-CONTINENT NEWS SERVICE as previously reported by Informant Gregory. Concerning her employments after leaving Government service in Washington, D.C., Miss LEVIN reported that in 1943 she was employed by the SILLS REPORTING SERVICE as a stenotypist. In 1944 she was engaged in the same capacity with the METZGER REPORTING SERVICE, New York City, and thereafter she moved to her present position with MARTIN SEGAL, INC.

the interview:

The following is a description of LEVIN obtained during

Name:

HERNICE LEVIN, wa Bernice

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Age: Born: March 20, 1920, Chicago, Illinois.

Height:

513" 115 pounds

Weight:

Build: Small.

Hair: Eyes:

Dark brown

Characteristics:

Wears dark tortoise shell glasses,

- worn in a long bob.

thick lenses.

Marital Status: Residence:

Occupation: Nationality: Relatives:

165 West 71st Street, New York

City.
Stenotypist
U.S.

Mother - RAY LEVIN, Mantino, Illinois. Brother - IEO LEVIN, Mantino, Illinois.

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### At New York, New York

This matter is receiving continuous investigative attention and leads are being set out by teletype and letter for immediate coverage by auxiliary offices.

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#### CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informante mentioned in the report of SA ROBERT F. X. O'KEEFE, New York, September 8, 1948, are as follows:

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whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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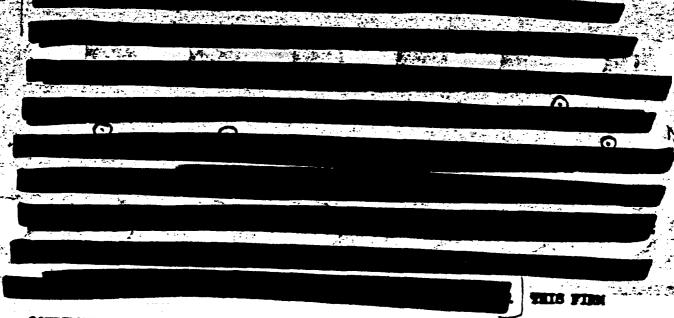
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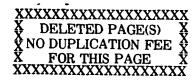


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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY SAC, New York August 31, 1948 Director, FBI UGREGORY ESPIONACE - 1 U. S. BERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION REGISTRATION ACT Remytel this date. Attached is a copy of a memorandum dated August 30, 1948, received by the Bureau from the Criminal Division shich reflects the investigation requested by the Criminal Division in this matter. This investigation is considered of vital importance at this time. In regard to the instructions set forth in my referenced teletype you are again advised that this matter should receive constant and immediate attention and that the results of your investigation reach the Sureau by September 3, 1948. Property of the state of the You are instructed to advise the Bureau daily by teletype of the progr of your investigation in this matter. I wish to again call to your attention that the deadline of September 3, 1948, must be met by your Office and I will not accept any excuses for failure to comply with these instructions. You are instructed to forward the results of your investigation to the Bureau special delivery in a separate envelope, rather than by boxed mail as experience has shown that envelope mail receives more expeditious attention in the Post Office Department at Washington, D. C. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED FELERA, BUTTOU OF THE PERSONALING Gand

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: August 27, 1948

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Pursuant to your instructions to locate in the file in this case some information indicating that the Director did not want this case to go to the Grand Jury, the following has been located.

In a memorandum from Mr. Tamm to the Director dated January 23, 1967, Mr. Tamm said that he attended a meeting in the Attorney General's Office on the afternoon of that date. Those in attendance in addition to the Attorney General were Mr. T. L. Caudle and Mr. James McInerney of the Criminal Division. In referring to matters discussed at the conference, Mr. Tamm said that the Gregory Case was discussed for approximately one and one half hours. He said that Mr. McInerney urged prosecution of the principals in this case upon a charge of conspiracy in that they conspired to deprive the Government of their own or other government employees\* loyal services. Mr. Tamm said he pointed out that the defendants would probably introduce official government records in the form of efficiency reports which would set forth that they rendered very efficient service, were better than average employees, and probably that they were recommended for meritorious consideration.

Mr. Tamm mentioned that there was considerable discussion about the possibility of prosecuting for espionage or conspiracy to commit espionage. Mr. Tamm expressed the Director's view that the facts in this case would not sustain such prosecution, and pointed out that if corroboration was developed it would only corroborate trips to New York or from New York to Washington, quasi-social meetings in New York or Washington, and other secondary items, without once permitting the definite identification of a secret, confidential or restricted item which had been conveyed to an agent of a foreign government with knowledge or intent to harm the United States or to aid a foreign government. Mr. Tamm said that during the course of the discussion he stated that the Director was very, very reluctant to see this case prosecuted, primarily because the Director did not believe that successful prosecution could be had, particularly thee in the Jaffe Case where there was a great deal of documentary and other corroborative evidence, the prosecution had failed miserably. Wr. The

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pointed out that the Attorney General again expressed the view that successful prosecution could not be had and stated that he most certainly supported the Director's position. (65-56402-2007)

The Director stated in a memorandum dated February 19, 1947, to Messrs. Tolson, Tamm and Ladd that while discussing another matter with the Attorney General on February 19, 1947, he told the Attorney General that he was still against prosecution in the Gregory Case. The Attorney General asked what should be done if the case was not prosecuted and the Director told him that it had been assumed that the Bureau was to go ahead preparing the summaries for the Attorney General to forward to the various Government agencies. (This referred to summaries on those subjects employed in Government agencies, which were subsequently furnished to the Attorney General on March 7, 1947, in order that he could make them available to the heads of the employing Departments if he so desired.)

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MR. TOLSON

L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

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DATE: September 3, 1948

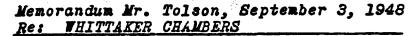
Mr. Carson saw Adolf Berle in New York this morning and told me over the phone that Mr. Berle was very cordial, very agreeable, and very friendly toward the Bureau. Mr. Carson referred to the New York Times story quoting him, indicating that he communicated with the IBI immediately after he received the information from Whittaker Chambers. Berle stated he was certain he made no such statement in his testimony, that he did talk to the papers, they asked him a lot of questions, that he talked purposely in a vague and indefinite manner and that, no doubt, they gained the impression on the subject as it was later portrayed to the press. He told Mr. Carson he was very vague as to dates and quite hazy, that in his testimony before the Committee that he was purposely hazy, that he would not dispute anything that was in our files.

Mr. Berle's recollection was that he had talked to Mr. Forworth about Mr. Chambers, and that Forworth told him we would consider Chambers as a potential suspect but that we were not presently keeping him under surveillance. Ir. Carson told Berle that 4r. Foxworth's memorandum is clear on the point, that Berle inquired whether we had Chambers under investigation and we had stated we did not, that as a matter of fact we did not interview Chambers until May, 1942, as a result of data which we had received from independent sources and not as a result of data received from Berle. Berle stated that he wouldn't dispute this, that his recollection was that Whittaker Chambers did not want to furnish the information to the FBI, in fact he (Chambers) was not keen about the FBI and was not agreeable to passing the information on to the FBI.

Mr. Berle was told that when we interviewed Chambers in  ${\mathscr A}^*$ May, 1942, before talking to us, Chambers called Mr. Berle on the telephone and obviously got a clearance, that we did not know what Berle had been informed by Chambers until June, 1943, and then only after we had made inquiry for his (Berle's) notes, that actually as a matter of fact Berle has never informed us of exactly what Chambers did say as his notes are sketchy and in outline form.

RECORDED 109 Berle expressed regret at having conveyed any erroneous impression, that this would be the last thing in the world he would want to do, that he would want to make clear that anything he said

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was not to be construed unfavorably toward the FBI. Carson then pressed him to get him on record on the matter and he said that he would orally contact Congressman Nixon or Congressman McDowell and straighten them out. Carson countered by saying that since they had his testimony and since it had appeared in the press, it would be preferable for Berle to send a communication, which he agreed to do to Congressman McDowell and dictated such a letter in Carson's presence.

Carson said the letter was characteristic of Berle's ability to throw words around. However, in the letter Berle specifically pointed out he was in error insofar as the press stories were concerned which attributed to him the fact that he had furnished information to the Bureau coincident with receiving the information from Whittaker Chambers, that when he testified he had not consulted with the FBI and could not recall dates and his recollection was that he had furnished this information to the FBI at the time Whittaker Chambers furnished it to him, but it was subsequent thereto. He did not, and Carson endeavored to press him on the point, and would not pin himself down to any specific date. He further pointed out to the Committee that he since verified the fact he talked to Whittaker Chambers on September 2, 1939, and rather than talk to Chambers by himself he now recalls that Isaac Don Levine was present.

Carson suggested that Berle send the Bureau a copy of his letter. However, Berle doubted the ethics of sending us a copy of the letter until we asked for it. He stated, of course, "Anything that J. Edgar wants in my office, he can have, if he wants the letter and asks me I will be happy to send it to him."

Carson said that the letter was not as good as he hoped, that Berle evaded saying that he did not furnish the information to us but feels, under the circumstances, this was as much as we could get out of him. As a matter of fact, Berle at one point when Carson was making suggestions while Berle was dictating the letter, said that after all it was his letter.

Berle asked that his very best regards be extended to the Director, that he regards the Director as one of the greatest contributing factors to winning the war and particularly in the successful handling of intelligence matters, that anything the Director wants he can have.

Memorandum Mr. Tolson, September 3, 1948
Re: WHITTAKER CHAMBERS

Carson stated the letter does make it clear that Berle did not furnish us the information at the time he talked to Chambers, that the letter is sufficiently vague in points to permit us to answer in any way we wanted to and in fact, Berle categorically states in his letter that to establish exact dates, it would be necessary to refer to FBI files.

I thanked Carson for talking to Berle and told him he could return to Miami from New York. He will endeavor to write a more detailed communication this afternoon, if he has the time, and if not, he will do it immediately upon arriving in Miami. However, he stated there was not much to add over and above what he had furnished me.

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Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell September 8, 1948 Criminal Division Director, PBI THE GREOCRY CASE Reference is made to your memorandum dated August 23, 1948 and to my reply dated August 26, 1948 in the above-captioned matter. There is attached bereto a copy of the report of Special Agent Richard H. Welson, San Francisco, dated August 10, 1948 in the Gregory ease which covers an interview had with Boris RA Volkoy, the former husband of Helen Petrovne Silvermaster, now the wife of Nathan Gregory ilvermaster. DIEKIL A copy of this report is being made available to Mr. T. Donegan by the New York Office of this Bureau. SECENCO ALSO HO WY UE B \$3 13 1948 FLJ:EM FEDERAL SUREAL OF INVESTIBATION U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### ffice Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO THE DIRECTOR

August 6, 1948

D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT:

GREGORY ESPIONAGE - B (ALEXANDER KORAL)

On Thursday evening, August 5, 1948, radio news commentators announced that members of a subcommittee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities would interview a "mystery witness" on August 6, 1948, at an undisclosed time and place. It was indicated that the mystery witness would corroborate the statements of Elizabeth Bentley, and would "break the case wide open."

Suspecting that the mystery witness was in fact Alexander Koral, he was placed under surveillance at his residence in New York City. This surveillance disclosed that during the morning of August 6, 1948, he was contacted by two welldressed men believed to be representatives of the House Committee. The identification of Koral as the "mystery witness" was subsequently confirmed by Lou Russell, investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, who advised Agents of the Washington Field Office that Koral was to be interviewed the evening of Friday, August 6, 1948.

Alexander Koral claims to have been born in London, England, on April 18, 1897. Educated in the United States, he is presently employed as a Plumbing and Training Engineer by the Board of Education in Brooklyn, New York. He became of interest in this investigation on December 1, 1945, when in a clandestine manner he met Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gregory Silvermaster in Washington, D. C. After an extended ride in the Silvermaster automobile Koral was dropped on a public thoroughfare thereafter returning to his home in New York City.

Koral, who is reported to be an outspoken supporter of the Communist Party, was interviewed by Bureau personnel on June 9, 1947, at which time he admitted having received approximately \$2,000 for acting as a courier for an individual known to him only as "Frank." He said that on Frank's instructions he had made a number of clandestine contacts with individuals identities were unknown to him, on each occasion well wering packaged material which he had received from Frank and occasionally receiving similar material in return. He also admitted

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November and December of 1945 he had visited Silvermaster, (known to him only as "Grig") specifically recalling his contact of December 1, 1945. He stated that on that occasion, acting on instructions from Frank he had informed Silvermaster that that would be his last contact.

Koral's admissions were reduced to a signed statement

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON D. C.

August 26, 1948

There follows the report of the PBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on August 21, 1948.

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Letter dated August 20, 1948

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I told Mr. Belmont that upon receipt of the teletype from the Baltimore Office the facts of this matter were presented to the Attorney General for an opinion as to whether Chambers should be interviewed on this angle of the case. I told Mr. Belmont that the Bureau also had received a teletype from the Baltimore Office regarding this matter and a reply would be dispatched telling that office to submit the results of its investigation to date and not hold up its report pending any contact with Chambers.

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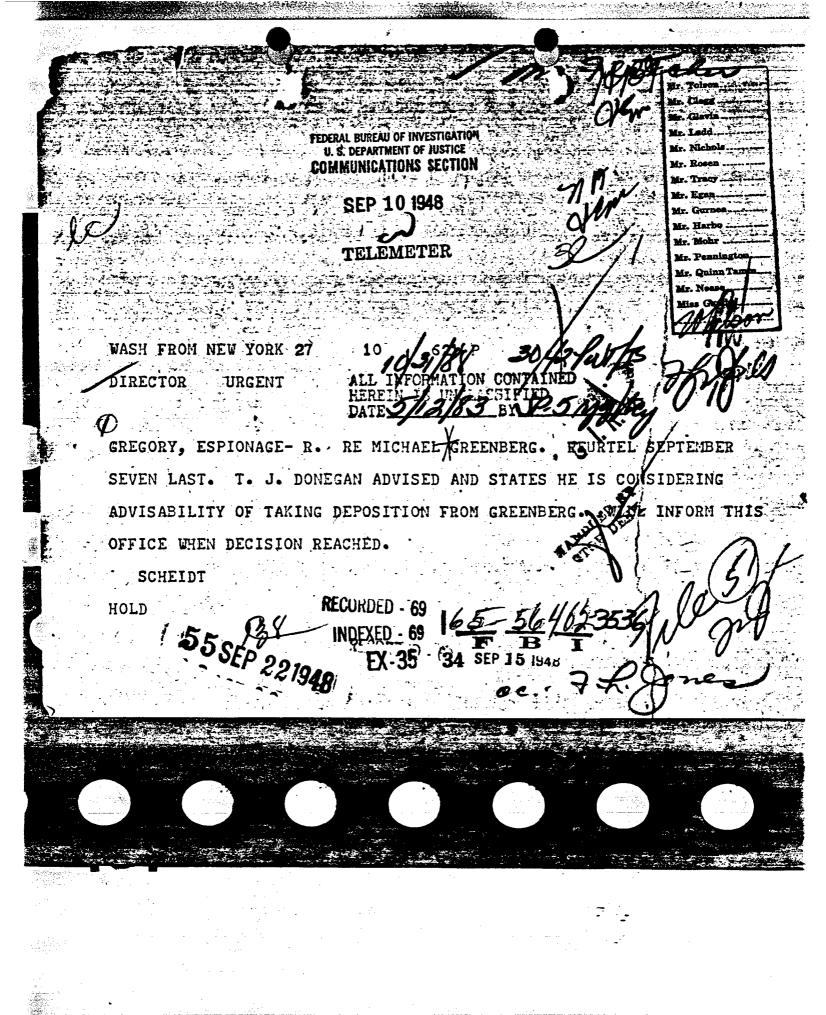
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ffice Memorandum UNITED STATES GOV Director, FBI DATE: GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field SUBJECT: CREGORY ESPIONACE - E This is to advise of information received from Mr. LOUIS A. RUSSELL, Investigator of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, on this date. RUSSELL advised that the Committee has subpoensed WILLIAM and ADDIE ROSEN to appear before the Committee on September 8, 1948, with further regards to the automobile which ALGER HISS was supposed to have disposed of to a Communist Party member in Washington, D. C. RUSSELL stated that the purpose in having the ROSENS re-appear before the Committee grew out of the story appearing in the Washington Times Herald which indicated that ADDIE ROSEN admitted that they had received the car in question but that it was merely coincidence. RUSSELL also advised that the Committee was going into the case of espionage in the Manhattan Project in New York and that it was the intention of the Committee to hold hearings on Thursday, September 9, 1948, in Executive Session and that General LESLIE GROVES of the Manhattan Project and STEVE WELSON, Communist Party Functionary presently in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, would appear. RUSSELL stated that former Special Agent CURLEY, KERLEY shed information to you on Sentenberry about whom I furnished information to you on September 3, 1948, would appear before the Committee in Executive Session on that date and RUSSELL indicated that the Committee would determine at that time whether the testimony of CURLEY would be given in open hearing. In the event any additional information obtained, it will be furnished to you promptly. INDEXED - 74 31 SEP 14 1:48 RIN: 61 100-17493 EX-35



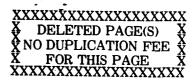




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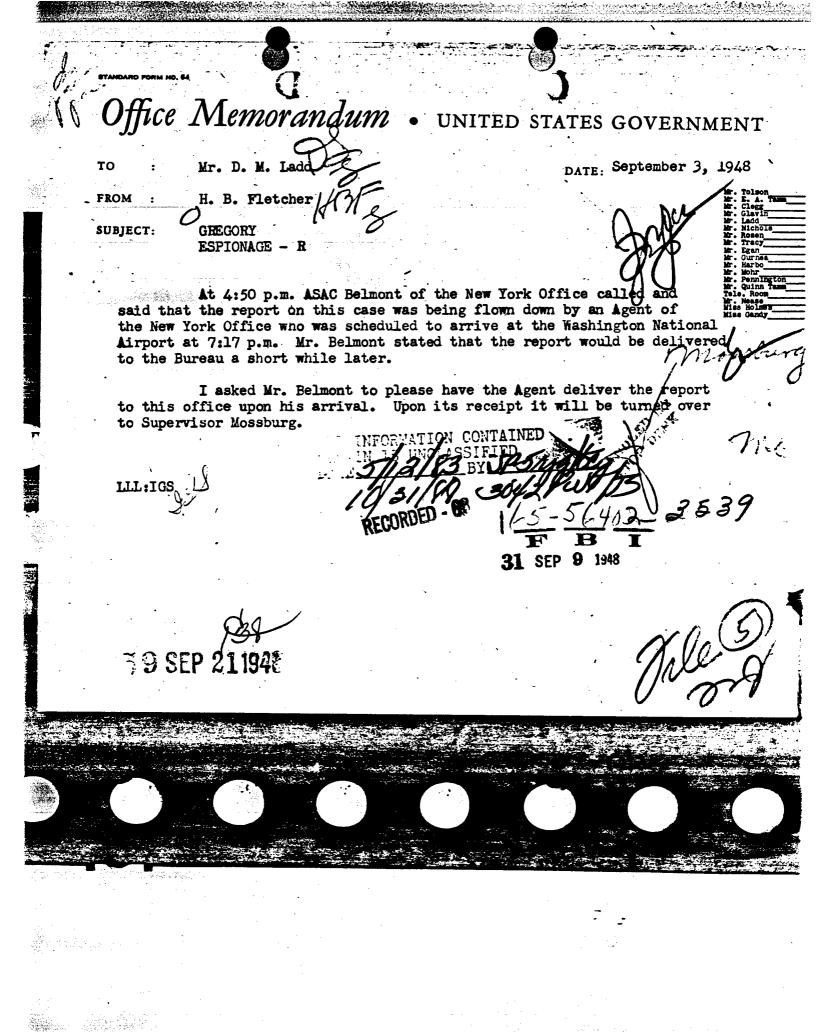


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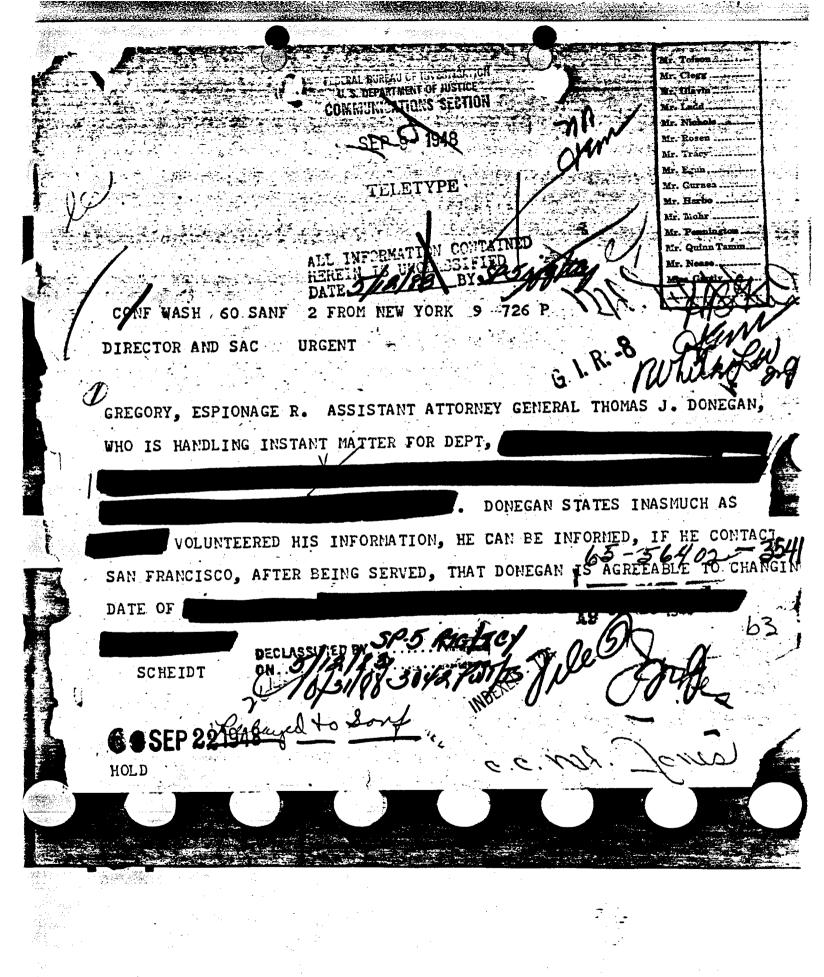
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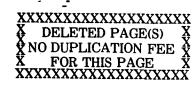


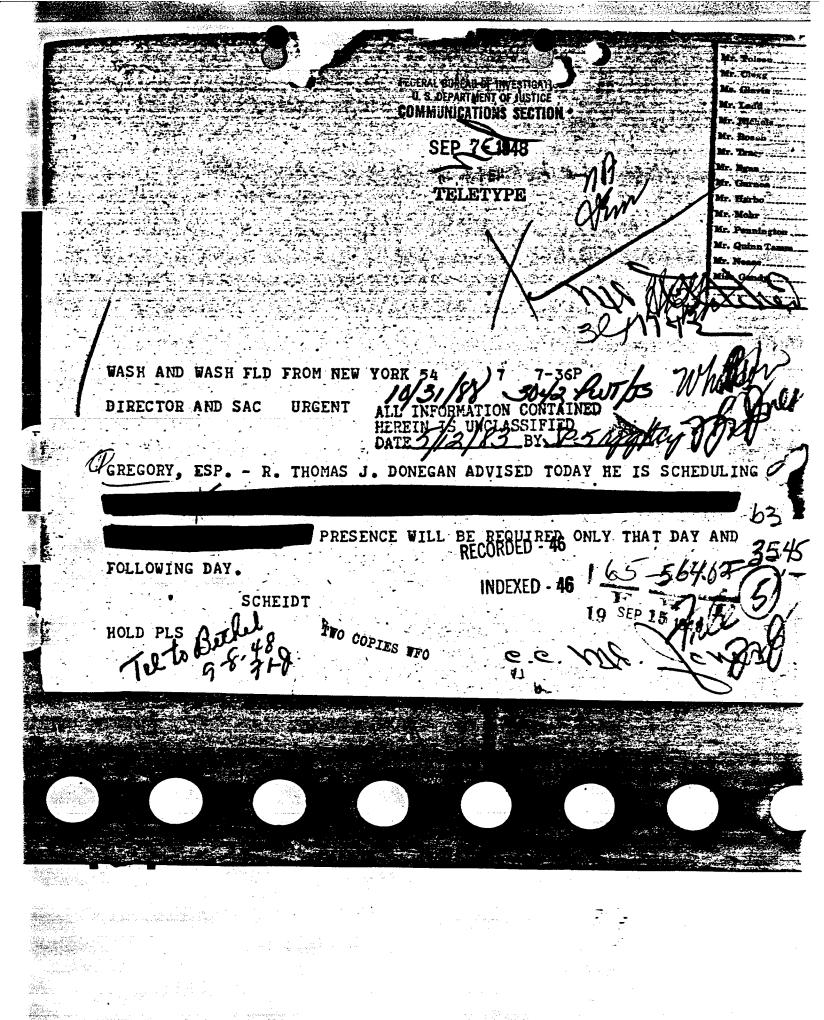


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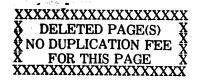


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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Director, FBI DATE: September 9, 1948 FROM SAC, New York City OGREGORY SUBJECT: ESPIONAGE - R REGISTRATION ACT Re report SA Joseph W. Kelly dated September 3, 1948. On September 9, 1948, Mr. Thomas J. Donegan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, advised that while conferring with Attorney General Clark on September 8, 1948, in connection with instant matter, the Attorney General requested that he be advised of the profit or loss earned by the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation during its corporate existence. RECORDED SEP. 14 1948.

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The foregoing data were furnished to Mr. Donegan on this date, and as he had been requested, he furnished these figures telephonically to Assistant Attorney General Alexander Campbell of the Criminal Division.

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